

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: Chair Krayton Kerns, on March 31, 2011 at 3:07 PM, in Room 472 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Krayton Kerns, Chair (R)
Rep. Timothy Furey, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Bob Wagner, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Joanne G. Blyton (R)
Rep. Christy Clark (R)
Rep. Brian Hoven (R)
Rep. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)
Rep. Jonathan McNiven (R)
Rep. Daniel R. Salomon (R)
Rep. Sterling Small (R)
Rep. Frank Smith (D)
Rep. Kathleen Williams (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Joe Read (R)
Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Rep. David Howard (R)

Members Absent: Rep. Lee Randall (R)
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Rep. Alan Hale (R)
Rep. Pat Noonan (D)
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)
Rep. Lila Walter Evans (R)

Staff Present: Dave Bohyer, Legislative Branch
Lauren Head, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 207, 3/29/2011; HB 343, 3/24/2011

HEARING ON SB 343**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:28 Sen. Verdell Jackson (R), SD 5, opened the hearing on SB 343, Revise Montana aquatic invasive species act.

[EXHIBIT\(agh72a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh72a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh72a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh72a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh72a05\)](#)

00:01:53 Rep. McClafferty joined the meeting.

00:10:59 Rep. Fitzpatrick joined the meeting.

00:12:26 Rep. Howard joined the meeting.

00:12:28 Rep. Noonan joined the meeting.

00:14:32 Rep. Read joined the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:15:32 Greg Ames, Department of Agriculture (DOAg)

00:18:02 Bob Gilbert, Executive Director, Walleyes Unlimited - Montana (WU)

00:19:46 Becky Kington, Executive Director, Montana Weed Control Association (MWCA)

00:20:11 Bruce Rich, Chief of Fisheries, Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

00:20:52 Jeff Tiberi, Executive Director, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)

00:21:04 Hal Harper, self

[EXHIBIT\(agh72a06\)](#)

00:22:02 Caryn Miske, Flathead Basin Commission

[EXHIBIT\(agh72a07\)](#)

00:23:30 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association (MWRA)

00:24:39 Gary Wiens, Montana Electric Cooperatives Association

00:25:03 Janna Taylor, HD 11

00:25:10 Gary Amestoy, Richland County Economic Development Corporation

00:25:29 Gary Olsen, Noxious Weed Advisory Council

00:26:28 John Moodry, Butte-Silverbow Weed District, Mile High Weed District

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:27:23 Rep. McClafferty

00:27:42 Ms. Miske

00:27:59 Rep. McClafferty

00:28:18 Ms. Miske

00:29:00 Vice Chair Wagner

00:29:18 Mr. Ames

00:29:32 Eileen Ryce
00:30:27 Rep. McNiven
00:30:42 Sen. Jackson
00:31:23 Rep. McNiven
00:31:34 Sen. Jackson
00:32:00 Vice Chair Wagner
00:32:23 Mr. Ames
00:33:06 Vice Chair Wagner
00:33:40 Mr. Ames

Closing by Sponsor:

00:34:10 Sen. Jackson

HEARING ON SB 207

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:34:51 Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R), SD 20, opened the hearing on SB 207, Clarify regulation of bison.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:38:45 Rachel Kinkie, Phillips County, Cattle Producers for Responsible Animal Health Development (Cattle PRAHD)
00:41:13 Rep. Howard left the meeting.
00:42:05 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF), Women Involved in Farm Economics (WIFE)s
00:43:43 Ariel Overstreet, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA), Montana CattleWomen

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:44:26 Christian MacKay, Board of Livestock
[EXHIBIT\(agh72a08\)](#)
00:45:56 Ken McDonald, FWP
[EXHIBIT\(agh72a09\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:48:12 Rep. Hoven
00:48:25 Mr. MacKay
00:49:06 Rep. Hoven
00:49:09 Mr. MacKay
00:49:17 Rep. Clark
00:49:53 Mr. McDonald

00:50:32 Rep. Williams
00:50:52 Mr. MacKay
00:51:25 Rep. Williams
00:51:36 Mr. MacKay

Closing by Sponsor:

00:52:27 Sen. Moore

ADJOURNMENT

00:53:18 Adjournment

Lauren Head, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:
[EXHIBIT\(agh72a10\)](#)

Additional Documents:
[EXHIBIT\(agh72aad.pdf\)](#)